PROF. (MRS) ASIMA CHATTERJEE: I have got two questions to the hon. Minister. Number one, whether the life saving drugs have been included and number two, whether Ayurvedic drugs and drugs used in traditional medicines have also been included in the priority list.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: Sir, so far as priority list is concerned, All the 95 drugs are there in the report and the hon. Member can find out because I am not an expert; I do not know that drugs are used for what purposes. But the entire list is there and if the hon. Member wants the entire list of 95 drugs which are listed in the priority list, they are all there and I am prepared to lay this on the Table of the House.

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: The Minister has just now pointed out that the Government is considering the report of the Expert Committee. In th light of that, it would be perhaps wise on the part of the Ministry to take into account the suggestions of the Members put forth in the form of questions. I would like to know why very essential life-saving drugs like polio vaccine, anti-toxins and a number of other essential sera and vaccines have been omitted from the pricrity list. I would also like to know from the Minister if such priority items which have been excluded by the Expert Committee Report would be included when the Government reconsiders this report.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: Again I have to repeat that the hon. Member is asking why these drugs are not included. This list was prepared by the experts..

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Member wants to know whether Government will include these in future taking into account all the suggestions of the Members.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: I can only say that if hon. Members have got any view in this matter, they can write to me. Certainly we will take these into consideration before taking a final decision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Too much of drugs is bad for the health. Next Question, No. 82.

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: I have something very important to say, Sir. (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 82.

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Sir, the whole House is excited about it. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We cannot spend 20 minutes on a single question.

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: It is a very important question, Sir.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, you please give ten minutes. .(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: If it is a very important question, you write to me for a Half-an-Hour Discussion. The time is one hour and one question cannot take 20 minutes. Next Question, No. 82.

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

Report submitted by the Force for Utilisation of Bombay High Gas

*82. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force appointed by Government for optimum utilisation of Bombay High gas has submitted its report and if so what are its findings;

(b) whether the Task Force has indicated that there is surplus gas after supplying gas to the Gas Cracker Unit in Maharashtra;

(c) if so, wheher there is any provision for supplying surplus gas to

the proposed Gujarat State Petro-Chemical complex project at Kawas and whether the project has been included in the Seventh Five year Plan; and

(d) if not whether there is any provision for supplying surplus gas for setting up gas based power station in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. The Gas Task Force appointed by Government to examine the gas availability and utilisation submitted its report in March, 1984; in regard to the associated gas being produced from Bombay High and the free gas proposed to be produced from South Bassein, the report has recommended that:

(i) a terminal South of Uran along with a sweetening plant is necessary;

(ii) studies on location of LPG plants along the HBJ gas pipeline should be undertaken;

(iii) studies should be undertaken for utilisation of NGL which would be available at Uran and Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline; and

(iv) slippages in gas-based projects should be avoided to fully utilise the free gas production potential.

(b) and (c) The Task Force has indicated that there will be no surplus gas available after supplying gas to the Gas Cracker Unit in Maharashtra. Hence there is no provision for supplying gas to the proposed Gujarat State Petrochemical Complex project. This project has not been included in the Central Sector in the VII Five Year Plan.

(d) As all the gas available from the South Bassein has already been committed, there is no provision for supplying surplus gas for setting up gas-based power stations in Gujarat.

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Sir, in pursuance of the Government of India's decision to set up one Gas Cracker Complex based on Bombay High Gas, the Gujarat Government had applied in July, 1979 to the Government of India for a Letter of Intent for setting up the same. The decision on the Letter of Intent is awaited from the Government of India. However, pending receipt of the Letter of Intent, scrutiny of process bids for Ethylene, HDPE, VCM and PVC plants has been completed and shortlists of the prospective process licences for issuing the detailed tender enquiry documents have been prepared. Advance action has also been initiated for acquisition of land at the site approved by the Government of India at Kawas near Surat. As per the directives of the Government of India, the Corporation has prepared the revised feasibility report for the project and has submitted the same to the Government of India. In the meanwhile it is understood that the Government of India has cleared the Maharashtra Gas Cracker and Petrochemical Complex. Gujarat Government has been repeatedly requesting the Government of India to expedite clearance of the application for Letter of Intent. Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister when the Letter of Intent will be issued to the Government of Gujarat.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Sir, on the question of issuing a Letter of Intent to the Gujarat Government it is true that the Gujarat Government had applied for Letter of Intent for a gas-based Petro-chemical complex in November, 1978, but the same application was closed by the Government in 1979 as the availability of gas was under examination. It is also true that later on, in 1980, a Committee was set up for site selection and the Committee

did select a site at Kawas. The Gujarat Government did continue to pursue the setting up of such a project and they did, in 1983, prepare a project report with regard to the different items which are likely to be produced in the petro-chemical project. But the Government of India and its committees went into this question, including the Members of the Planning Commission, and they found that in view of the constraint on resources it was not possible to set up such a plant in the Central sector. Therefore, now the State Government of Gujarat is pursuing this to set it up in the State sector. This is yet to come and nothing can be said whether the licence would be issued or not. We would examine it on merits when the matter comes before this Ministry.

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Sir, in his answer to part (a) of the question, the Minister has said:

"(ii) studies on location of LPG plants along the HBJ gas pipeline should be undertaken;".

This is the recommendation of the Committee. Sir, in view of a very big accident in Najafgarh in Delhi about a year and a half or two years back in the bottling plant, new guidelines have been issued by his Ministry for setting up of such bottling plants. Sir, is it true that these LPG. Will be delayed on acecent of the new guidelines?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: In view of the safety measures and the environmental problems, it is true that new guidelines have been issued. That would also mean constraint of resources, spending more money. Not that it will be delayed, but there may be some delays here and there.

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: How long?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: That cannot be said.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: This Committee was constituted for availability and utilisation. I find that recommendation number 2 is that studies on location of LPG plants along the HBJ gas pipeline should be undertaken. Mr Chairman, Sir, in this matter, a very discriminatory attitude has been taken by the Central Government. Though the gas is produced in Maharashtra and there is demand to have one petro-chemical complex in Vidarbha-Marathwada, it has been decided to take the line by sea-shore. If it was taken through inter line, the cost would have been much less. Rs. 2,200 crores are going to be spent for this pipeline which they are going to take throughout the country, up to Bihar and West Bengal. In the coal sector they have got a pit head Thermal Station policy. Instead of fertilizer chemical complex can be located near the gas centres like in Gujarat and Maharashtra, curiously the Government policy is to take the pipeline there. It is less costly to have the chemical product transported by railway. May I know from the Minister whether this policy of having the gas plants throughout the country on this HBJ gas pipeline which is going to be another white elephant, will be revised and complexes will be set up near the places where gas is available, and gas is not taken to all places? It will have more transmission cost, there will be transmission loss, and the projects are likely to be costlier. May I know from the Miniser whether they will revise the policy?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: I think the policy of the Government is right. The hon. Member's contention is that it is being taken to Bihar and West Bengal. Probably he is misinformed. The HBJ pipeline would never go to Bihar or to West Bengal. It will only meet the requirements of the six fertilizer plants which are likely to come up along this pipeline. And so far as this question of ignoring the Maharashtra's claim is concerned, that is

not true. We are already committed to supply gas to the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers unit, and we are doing it.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: My question was about the cost.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir, it has been categorically stated that there will be no surplus gas available after supplying gas to the gas cracker unit in Maharashtra. The requirement of Maharashtra is much more. As such, the Minister will see, if any pressure from the Gujarat Government is put on you, you will not succumb to it. I want a categorical reply to this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now there will be a question from the Gujarat Government.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Sir, we are committed to supply the required gas to the Maharashtra Cracker, and the Maharashtra Cracker would not suffer because of lack of gas supply.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister said that all the gas available from the South Bassein has already been committed. May I know from the Minister what the total quantity, of gas available is and which the firms are to which gas has been committed?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: South Bassein gas is committed to various units including eight fertilizer plants and likely power generation power plants which are to be set up.

विधान सभा के चुनावों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा चुनाव आयोग की हिदायतों का उल्लंघन

*83. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश की सरकार ने 1985 के विधान सभा के चुनावों से पूर्व मतदाताओं को प्रभावित करने हेतु कई सुविधाओं की घोषणा करके चुनाव आयोग की हिदायतों का खुला उल्लंघन किया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि भारत के चुनाव आयोग द्वारा नियुक्त प्रेक्षक ने भी इन घोषणाओं के बारे में एक नोट भेजा है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विधान सभा के चुनावों के दौरान कई निगमों के अध्यक्षों की नियुक्ति कुछ विशेष जातियों के मतदाताओं को प्रभावित करने के लिए की गई ; और

(घ) क्या राज्य के राजनीतिक दलों ने इन नियुक्तियों के विरुद्ध चुनाव आयोग के पास रोष-पत्र भेजे है ।

विधि और न्याय मंत्री (श्री अशोककुमार सेन) : (क) निर्वाचन आयोग ने सूचित किया है कि किसी दल या अभ्यर्थी ने मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा आदर्श संहिता के अतिलंघन के बारे में कोई सूचना नहीं दी है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) (और) (घ) निर्वाचन आयोग ने बताया है कि उसे केवल एक शिकायत मिली है । यह शिकायत अध्यक्ष जिला समिति, लोक दल पार्टी, उज्जैन से प्राप्त हुई थी और यह तीन अभिकरणों अर्थात्, राज्य कृषि विकास निगम, भूमि विकास निगम और योजना बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष/उपाध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति के संबंध में थी ।

श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : सभापति जी, माननीय मंत्री जी ने जो उत्तर दिया है यह आपने भी सुना है । "क" भाग का उत्तर और "ख" और "ग" भाग का उत्तर, इन दोनों का ही आपस में तालमेल नहीं है । पहले उत्तर में कहा गया है कि निर्वाचन आयोग को कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई और अंत में कहा जाए कि लोकदल के जिलाध्यक्ष की ओर से शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है । मेरा आपसे यह निवेदन है कि सरकार की जानकारी इस सदन को भ्रमित करने वाली है या माननीय मंत्री जी को सही जानकारी नहीं दी गई है । चुनाव आयोग ने विधान सभा के चुनाव के समय पत्रकार सम्मेलन में यह कहा था कि मध्य प्रदेश में कोड आफ् कंडक्ट का खुला उल्लंघन हुआ है । सभी को मालूम है कि मध्य प्रदेश में चुनाव के समय जनरल प्रोमोशन सब विद्यार्थियों को दे दिया गया पिछड़े वर्ग की जातियों को